

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Osada et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,600,569). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites determining whether an error has occurred while the intermediate data is converted into the printing data. The Examiner relies upon column 9, lines 60-63 of Osada. This portion discloses that an error flag indicates that some error has occurred in the printing apparatus 110, and that this flag is added to a replay packet sent from the printing apparatus 110 to the host computer 109. However, there is no teaching regarding when the error occurs. Particularly absent is any teaching of events transpiring with respect to intermediate data being converted into printing data.

The Examiner refers to column 2, line 65 to column 3, line 24 regarding the intermediate data being converted into printing data. While this reference teaches converting data into intermediate data, there is no teaching regarding the timing of this conversion with respect to error occurrence.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

CONCLUSION


There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters. If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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